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SUBJECT: MBFR: "ALLIANCE APPROACH TO NEGOTIATIONS ON MBFR"

REFS: NATO 4764; 4766; 4767; 4769; 4785; 4786; 4801

1. YOU MAY ACCEPT FULL TEXT OF DOCUMENT "ALLIANCE APPROACH TO NEGOTIATIONS ON MBFR" INCLUDING YOUR NEW PARA 6 (NATO 4767 4785) AND NEW PARA 23 (4808)SUBJECT TO THE QUALIFICATIONS OUTLINED BELOW.

2. YOU SHOULD MAKE THE STATEMENT OUTLINED IN PARA 2 OF NATO 4769 TO THE NAC WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS:

A. THE STATEMENT REFERS TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF PARAS 23, 30, 50 AND 51.

B. THE STATEMENT IS MADE IN THE LIGHT OF VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE ALLIANCE ON THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THESE PARAGRAPHS INCLUDING THE STATEMENTS BY THE TURKISH, GREEK, AND NORWEGIAN REPRESENTATIVES AT THE NAC MEETING ON OCTOBER 8

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(NATO 4786).

C. ADD THE FOLLOWING AS THE SECOND SENTENCE TO PARA C (NATO 4769) OF THE STATEMENT: "THE POSSIBILITY OF APPLYING THESE MEASURES TO SPECIFIC AREAS OUTSIDE THE NGA WILL NOT BE PUT FORWARD TO THE EAST UNTIL THE MATTER HAS BEEN FURTHER CONSIDERED BY THE NAC."

D. YOU SHOULD ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE STATEMENT: "THE ALLIANCE HAS NOW AGREED THAT PRE-REDUCTION STABILIZING MEASURES SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO FURTHER URGENT EXAMINATION IN THE ALLIANCE. THE US FULLY AGREES REGARDING THE NECESSITY AND THE DESIRABILITY OF THIS REVIEW IN LIGHT OF SEARCHING QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN RAISED ABOUT THESE MEASURES BOTH IN THIS FORUM AND IN CAPITALS. WE BELIEVE REVIEW SHOULD INCLUDE SUCH BASIC QUESTIONS AS: (1) WHETHER THE PRE-REDUCTION ASPECTS OF THESE MEASURES SHOULD BE DROPPED AND WHETHER THEY SHOULD ACCOMPANY REDUCTIONS, (2) APPLICATION TO US/SOVIET FORCES ONLY OR TO THOSE OF OTHER NATO/WP FORCES, AND (3) THE AREA OF APPLICATION. OUR PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS ON OCTOBER 30 SHOULD REFLECT THE FACT THAT THESE MATTERS ARE NOW UNDER URGENT REVIEW IN THE ALLIANCE AND DRAFT OPENING STATEMENTS SHOULD BE REVIEWED WITH THIS IN MIND. THE US WILL BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS REVIEW WITHIN THE ALLIANCE UPON AN URGENT BASIS."

3. UNLESS YOU FEEL IT WOULD LEAD TO AN UNRAVELING OF THE AGREED POSITION AND A REOPENING OF THE ENTIRE TEXT, YOU SHOULD ALSO INTRODUCE A FOOTNOTE PARA 23 STATING THAT: "THE US BELIEVES ENTIRE MATTER OF PRE-REDUCTION CONSTRAINTS SHOULD BE REVIEWED URGENTLY BY THE ALLIANCE."

4. FOR LONDON AND BONN: YOU SHOULD INFORM BRITISH AND GERMAN FONOFFS OF ABOVE POSITION AND SEEK SOONEST CLARIFICATION OF THEIR POSITION ON PRE-REDUCTION CONSTRAINTS. YOU MAY SAY THAT OUR POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN RESPONSIVE TO ALLIED VIEWS. ALLIED VIEWS NOW SEEM TO BE CHANGING. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN WHETHER THE BRITISH AND GERMANS STILL FEEL THESE MEASURES SHOULD BE NEGOTIATED AS PRE-REDUCTION MEASURES OR WHETHER THEY WOULD

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BE PREPARED TO AGREE THAT THEY COULD ACCOMPANY REDUCTIONS. FURTHER, IN VIEW OF THE CONCERNS WHICH HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE EFFECT ON WESTERN DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF SOME OR ALL OF THESE MEASURES TO ONLY US AND SOVIET FORCES. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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